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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 22, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the April 22, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 22, 2002 Office Action is due May 22, 2002 and this Communication is being timely filed.

Claims 1-43, 50-55 and 61 are pending in the subject application.

On page 2 of the April 22, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between claims defining the following allegedly independent and distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-43, 50-54 and 61, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising copolymer 1 and microcrystalline cellulose, and a process for manufacturing said composition; and

II. Claim 55, drawn to a method for treating an autoimmune disease comprising administering pharmaceutical composition comprising copolymer 1 and an enteric coating.